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1. IN VIEW AUSTRALIAN INTEREST AS MILITARY ASSISTANCE
DONOR, I FILLED AMBASSADOR WOOLCOTT IN IN GENERAL TERMS
ON OUTCOME RECENT INDONESIAN MILITARY MISSION TO
WASHINGTON. WITH HIS MIND OBVIOUSLY ON TIMOR PROBLEM
HE ASKED WHAT WEAPONS WE HAD PROMISED. I ASSURED HIM
GOI INTENTIONS RELATED TOTALLY TO SURVEILLANCE OF
NORTHERN AND WESTERN SEA APPROACHES.

2. REFERRING TO PROBLEM OF INDONESIAN EXPECTATIONS
(OF WHICH HE AWARE) I SAID THAT BY COMBINATION OF PROPOSAL F
FOR GRANT, CREDIT SALES, AND STRAIGHT SALES WE HAD DIS-
CUSSED PACKAGE OF SLIGHTLY MORE THAN \$70 MILLION INCLUD-
ING SHIPS, HELICOPTERS, AND SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT. LIST
WAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION AND NOT YET FINAL AND GRANT
AND CREDIT FIGURES WERE SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL
AUTHORITY. INDONESIANS APPEARED SATISFIED WITH OUTCOME,
EVEN THOUGH IT FELL SHORT OF THEIR FULL LIST.
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